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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING FIRST-
PRINCIPLES SIMULATION TO PROVIDE
VIRTUAL SENSORS THAT FACILITATE A
SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING PROCESS

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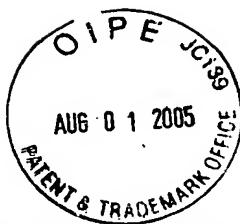
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The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

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